

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:672
ANSWERED ON:03.03.2005
DEMOLITION IN MHOW CANTONMENT AREA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the authorities of the Mhow Cantonment Area had issued demolition notices to some of the Bungalow holders;
- (b) if so, the details alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any order to stop demolition has been issued by the Government in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the elections to Cantonment Board in Mhow are being held regularly; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. The Defence Estate Officer, Mhow Cantonment had issued notices for demolition of unauthorized structures/constructions in bungalows held on Old Grant Terms wherever required under the law. The Government had directed the Cantonment authorities on 4.2.2004 not to take any further action to demolish till a decision is taken regarding land disputes. The Defence Estate Officer, thereafter, suspended action to demolish the unauthorized structures/constructions.

(e) & (f): Yes, Sir. Elections have been held regularly till 1997. The last term of the Board, as extended, expired on 2.3.2003. Meanwhile, a s Cantonments Bill, 2003 has been introduced in Parliament and the same is under consideration of Standing Committee, no elections have been held in any of the Cantonments. The Boards of all the Cantonments, where the terms have expired, including Mhow Cantonment have been varied under Section 13 of the Cantonments Act, 1924.